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Rulemaking

Following a public hearing, the Commission adopted the following:

- New **WAC 390-16-320, Candidates in small political subdivisions – Reporting**, which sets benchmarks for candidates running for office in small political subdivisions to establish when they are subject to the reporting provisions of RCW 42.17.

Candidates running for office in a jurisdiction with less than 5,000 registered voters are subject to all reporting provisions of the disclosure law if they “expect to receive” \$5,000 or more in contributions. This rule establishes that a candidate expects to receive \$5,000 or more when:

- the candidate or candidate’s authorized committee receives at least \$5,000 in aggregate contributions, including the contributions from the candidate;
- the candidate is seeking the same office last sought and contributions to the last campaign totaled \$5,000 or more;
- the candidate’s contributions total at least \$1,250 by March 31 of the election year;
- the candidate’s contributions total at least \$2,500 by June 30 of the election year;
- the candidate’s contributions total at least \$3,570 by September 30 of the election year; or
- the candidate otherwise anticipates that \$5,000 or more will be received.

- New **WAC 390-05-275, Definition – Party Organization**;
- Amended **WAC 390-17-030, Sample ballots and slate cards**, changing the reporting date for out-of-state committees from the 20th to the 10th of the month; and
- Amended **WAC 390-18-025, Identification of “top five contributors”** to clarify that bona fide political party committees making independent expenditures and electioneering communications are exempt from the “top five” provisions.

The Commission approved language for the following new rule and rule amendments:

- New **WAC 390-17-303, Superior Court Candidates - Eligibility to Receive Contributions**
- Amend **WAC 290-28-020, Hearing to modify reporting – Administrative law judge proceedings**
- Amend **WAC 390-28-070, Hearing to modify reporting – By affidavit or sworn statement**
- Amend **WAC 390-28-080, Hearing to modify reporting – Evidence, record, adverse decisions**

Public hearings on these rules will be scheduled during a future commission meeting.

The Commission voted to retain **WAC 390-28-060, Hearing to modify reporting – Administrative law judge proceedings**, after discussing a possible repeal at an earlier meeting.

Commission Interpretation

The Commission approved **PDC Interpretation 07-01 – Computing thresholds for independent expenditures** to provide guidance to persons who make independent expenditures regarding when the expenditures need to be reported on a C-6 form and when the “notice to voters” and “top five contributor” information must be included as part of the advertisement.

Reporting Modifications:

The Commission granted a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (PDC Form F-1) reporting modification to:

- **Kathleen M. O’Sullivan**, alternate member for the Commission on Judicial Conduct, who requested an exemption from reporting the business customers of Perkins Coie LLP, a Seattle law firm of which she is a partner and
- **Suzanne M. Quigley**, City Council member for the City of Lake Stevens, who requested an exemption from reporting the business customers of the Everett Shipyard, of which her spouse, Kevin W. Quigley, is president.

The Commission renewed a reporting modification for **Steven Hill**, Administrator for the Washington Health Care Authority, and included a new exemption from reporting the business and governmental customers of Puget Sound Health Alliance and American Leadership Forum, entities for whom he is a board member.

The Commission renewed reporting modifications, with no changes, for:

- **Kristianne Blake**, Regent, University of Washington
- **Jeffrey H. Brotman**, Regent, University of Washington
- **Elizabeth A. Cowles**, Regent, Washington State University
- **Monte Dahlstrom**, Commissioner, Grays Harbor Water Dist. 2
- **Francois X. Forgette**, Regent, Washington State University
- **William H. Gates**, Regent, University of Washington
- **Orlan Gessford**, School Director, Washougal School Dist. 112-6
- **Claire S. Grace**, Commissioner, Washington State Housing Finance Commission
- **Richard Hartman**, School Director, Montesano School Dist. 66
- **David E. Lamb**, Trustee, Evergreen State College
- **Karen Lane**, Trustee, Evergreen State College
- **Kristine M. Mikkelsen**, Trustee, Eastern Washington University
- **Dory Nicpon**, Staff Counsel for Washington State Senate Services
- **Paula A. Peterson**, Commissioner, Finn Hill Park and Recreation Commission
- **Barre A. Seibert**, City Council Member, City of Clyde Hill
- **Rebecca A. Stillings**, School Director, Rainier School Dist. 307
- **Elizabeth E. Verhey**, Judge, Tacoma Municipal Court
- **Washington State Democratic Central Committee**
- **Washington State Republican Party**
- **Diana L. Wilhite**, City Council Member, City of Spokane Valley
- **Bill Williams**, School Director, North Thurston School District

Electronic Filing Waiver Request

Craig Mayberry, a 2006 candidate for State Representative, 42nd legislative district, was granted a limited exception from the electronic filing requirement and allowed to file the final post-election Campaign Summary of Receipts and Expenditures by mail. The Commission granted the limited exception after reviewing his request for an exception which explained that the campaign data was lost during a computer failure after the election.

The Commission meeting materials can be found at www.pdc.wa.gov under **Commission Meetings**. For additional information concerning these issues contact Lori Anderson, Communications & Training Officer, at (360) 664-2737, toll free 1-877-601-2828 or e-mail at landerson@pdc.wa.gov.

The next regular meeting of the Public Disclosure Commission is tentatively scheduled for May 2, 2007.
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